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SENTINEL

This "ghost tree" adds to the picturesque sunset on the bayside of Assateague Island. Its roots peek out of the water as soil and sediment have long washed away from its sturdy base.

Schools keep options open

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Although local educators would prefer to return to face-to-face instruction when schools open this fall, the Worcester County Board of Education is keeping its options open.

The board discussed three possibilities for that in a draft of its "Responsible Return" model at its meeting on Tuesday. Among the reasons for the multiple choice plan is that the board expects some public health restrictions

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Faulty audio leads to short session for mayor, council

Facebook Live wasn't live enough for people to hear discussions during session

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Poor audio quality resulted in the quick postponement of Monday's Berlin Mayor and Council meeting, as viewers apparently struggled to follow the discussion on a Facebook Live stream.

Just 15 minutes into the meeting, the complaints reached a point where town officials felt they should adjourn.

Complaints about the town's audio feed began to come in during the Parks Commission and Planning Commission meetings last week, and on Monday Mayor Gee Williams asked whether an evaluation of the equipment was in order.

"Well, we didn't know it was this bad," Administrative Manager Kelsey Jensen replied. "We actually just had them [technical contractors] out last week to evaluate putting in new mi-



Kelsey Jensen

crophones and new speakers, and they're going to get a quote to us, but that is about as far as we've gotten."

Councilmembers and Town Administrator Jeffrey Fleetwood questioned

whether the meeting could proceed if the Facebook Live was inaudible.

"The recording is going to be available online, and I believe that is the requirement," Jensen said.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen added that the Facebook Live is an additional service to Berlin citizens, not a requirement. The audio recordings of each council meeting are uploaded to the town website the following day.

According to the Maryland Opening Meetings Act, arrangements must be made for the public and media "to attend, report on and broadcast meetings of public bodies" and to "witness the phases of deliberation, policy in-

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Water quality at safe level off beach at racquet club

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) After reports last week that bacteria counts in the St. Martin River next to the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club exceeded EPA safety standards, water sample data from July 8 compiled by Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips showed that water quality had dropped back to acceptable levels.

Enterococci bacteria tests conducted on July 3 from the river, roughly 50 yards off the Swim and Racquet Club beach resulted in readings of 108.4 per milliliter, which was above EPA guidance that requires an

advisory for results above 104 organisms per 100 milliliters.

The numbers improved to 86.6 for the subsequent testing done by the Assateague Coastkeeper that was posted online July 10. The river at the swim and racquet club is sampled weekly from May 15 from Sept. 6.

Phillips said despite the improvement variable weather patterns could cause quick shifts in water quality.

"Those were pulled on Wednesday, July 8 and then we have six-plus inches of rain on Friday," she said. "Every street, neighborhood, and farm

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'Our test results should be pretty normal for late July!'
Kathy Phillips



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Parks stays focused on reelection

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) OPA President Doug Parks responded this week to what he said was potentially misinterpreted news coverage implying he would resign from the board of directors.

"I felt it was important to get some information out there to say, 'I don't dislike being president and, no, I'm not resigning from the board,'" he said.

Parks, who was elected in August 2017, is vying for a second term. Also competing for one of the two open seats are incumbent Dr. Colette Horn and challenger Stuart Lakernick.

OPA declaration of restrictions permits members to serve two consecutive three-year terms followed by at least one year on the sidelines.

Parks said the rumor mill regarding his candidacy kicked into high gear



Doug Parks

based on his comments to Vice President Steve Tuttle and other board members that another director should take on the presidency should he be re-elected.

"I was honored by my colleagues for the past three years to be elected by them to be the president of the organization," he said. "In those, especially the last two years, we have really ... righted the ship."

Parks said the turnaround has been evident not only on profit-and-loss statements but also in the improved communication among board members.

"This board in getting along with one another by sharing differences of opinion and arriving at a decision that everybody's had some input on," he

said.

Parks said his goal is building consensus among board members.

"Let's let everybody's opinion and perspective on things be heard," he said.

While not losing a general desire to serve as president, Parks said he thought it "sends the wrong message to the membership that the only reason I'm running is to be president again," he said. "At the end of the day its good optics for someone else to be in the position of president."

The seven board members vote annually to assign officer positions that include president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

He said he would serve as president if he is asked, and is reelected, but his preference would be to let someone else take over the post.

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OPA mails ballots to eligible voters, deadline Aug. 5

(July 16, 2020) The 2020 Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election officially began this week, with ballots mailed to all eligible voters in the community.

Roughly 6,584 ballots were sent to voters deemed eligible, while 1,871 notices of the annual meeting were sent to ineligible voters.

An association news release said the front of the envelopes bear a red rectangle on the front that says, "IMMEDIATE ATTENTION! Ballot receipt deadline 5 PM, August 5, 2020."

The contest is between three candidates seeking two seats on the board, with the winners getting three-year terms. Running are incumbents Colette Horn and Doug Parks, and challenger Stuart Lakernick.

Each candidate provided a biographical statement and answered questions from the Elections Committee. That information is available online at www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/new_s_content?announcementId=178&backURL=/web/pages/blogs, and was included in the election mailing.

The candidates also participated in an online forum moderated by the Elections Committee, and can be viewed on the Ocean Pines YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/sdWZUVafLEY>.

As declared on the front of the enveloped, ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5. Ballots

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Berlin ranks first again for best small town for shopping

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Downtown Berlin was named the "Best Small Town for Shopping" in a USA Today 10Best contest out of 18 nominations.

"It's another indication in our community's philosophy that is quality over quantity," Mayor Gee Williams said.

Williams added that he is pleased to see a continued focus on interpersonal relations with customers down-

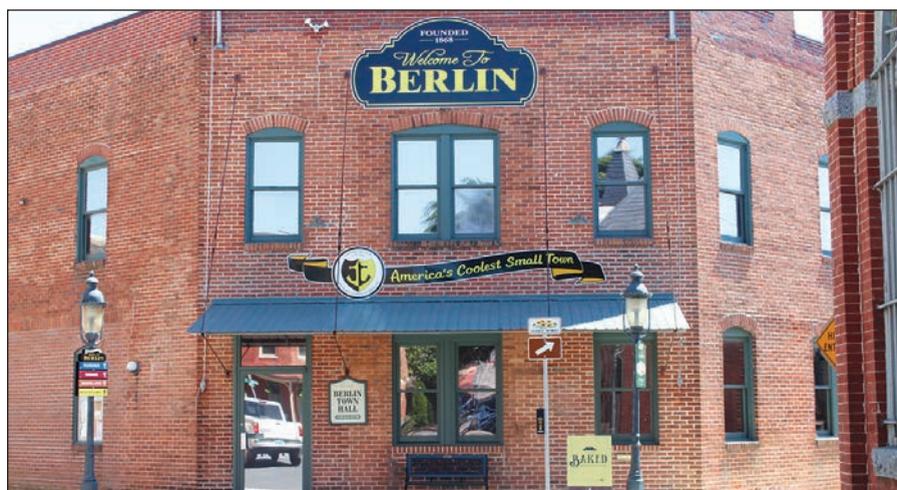
town.

"Locals are known to our businesses and guests are always welcome," he said.

Berlin has more than 50 retail shops, selling antiques, jewelry, art and clothing downtown.

Williams believes Berlin is deserving of such an award because of the variety of boutique shopping and convenient dining that is offered.

"There is a nice combination of
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Berlin was voted the "Best Small Town for Shopping" in a USA Today 10Best national contest, according to an announcement last Friday.



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- **Sound financial planning and management**
- **Strategic planning and forward thinking to address drainage and other important issues**
- **Strong desire to continue service to the Ocean Pines community**

Vote For **DOUG PARKS**

Mayor says Berlin deserves award for variety and quality

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businesses and business people,” he added.

A panel of experts joined 10Best editors to pick the initial nominees, then the top 10 winners were determined by popular vote.

Voting was closed on Monday, June 29. The top 10 winning small towns were announced on 10Best.com on Friday, July 10.

Williams commended the business owners for working cooperatively over the years to benefit the local economy and earn the town national recognition.

Several new business owners were also thrilled about the award.

Christine Carpenter, the co-owner of Beach Gypsy on Williams Street, is honored to be a part of the historic district’s success.

“It’s very exciting, and I think it showcases what our wonderful town has to offer,” Carpenter said. “It’s just great that people are recognizing it.”

Beach Gypsy moved from Ocean

Pines to Downtown Berlin in January after the owners, Christina Mullaney and Carpenter, fell in love with the area.

Melissa Stover, the owner of Victorian Charm on North Main Street, agreed.

“Being that I’m kind of the newbie to Berlin, the new owner [of Victorian Charm], I’m super excited for the town,” Stover said. “It just goes to show what a great town we have.”

In January, Stover bought the boutique from Steve and Debbie Frene. Frene opened the shop with her mother, Carole Smith, in the 1990s.

Berlin was also ranked first in the contest in 2018.

“I’m grateful and happy that our community has been on this course for some time,” Williams said.

The mayor encourages the local business owners to “keep up the good work!”

For the full list of winners, visit www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-for-shopping/.

OP Board ballots due by Aug. 5

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may be returned by mail to the Berlin Post Office, using the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope included in the election mailing. Property owners not eligible to vote will receive notice of their voting status, as well as notice of the August annual meeting of membership.

Alternately, ballots may be returned in person to a ballot box in the Ocean Pines Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

For questions about the election, call the Ocean Pines Elections hotline at 410-208-3989 or email elections@oceanpines.org.

The ballots will be counted on Friday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway. Re-

sults of the count will be announced immediately thereafter, and then validated during the annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial near the intersection of Racetrack Road and Manklin Creek Road. Lot owners are asked to bring their ID in order to be verified. A quorum of at least 100 lots is required in to hold the annual meeting.

Key upcoming election dates are:
Ballot receipt deadline: Aug. 5

Ballots counted and vote totals announced: Aug. 7 at 10 a.m., in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway

Annual meeting: Aug. 8 at 9 a.m., at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.



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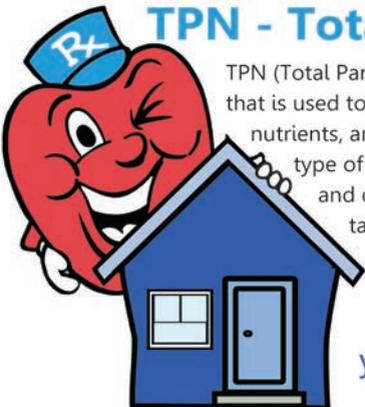
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Pines Police building remains under budget

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) The OPA Board of Directors agreed 6-0, with one member abstaining, to allocate more than \$23,000 from replacement reserves last Friday to procure upgraded security doors for the new police building.

The project is under budget by nearly 10 times that amount.

OPA General Manager John Viola said the purchase request for the Police and Administrative building expansion, which was added to the July 10 meeting agenda that morning, concerned door access controls.

“Chief (Dave Massey) and Lt. Leo Ehrisman had requested certain security for the doors,” he said.

Viola said the original proposal for police station access controls totaled \$13,959.

“Over the last couple of weeks ... there were some change orders,” he said.

Viola said spending revisions for remote release doors with intercoms, computerized consoles, audio gear and video



The OPA Board of Directors approved extra costs for access control systems inside the nearly completed police building as an added agenda item during a special meeting on Friday.

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cameras would add more than \$6,900 in cost.

“We also found out just recently that we needed a console, a separate ... server... for the police,” he said. “All this comes out to \$23,576.”

Viola said continuing with the current computer server is no longer advisable because of security concerns.

The original police building, which totaled more than 1,700 square feet and was constructed in 1985, is slated to gain an additional 3,640 square feet to increase its overall footprint to roughly 5,400 square feet.

The original station parameters qualified as the smallest police quarters in Worcester County, despite the community having the largest residential population.

Board member Tom Janasek asked if the extra cost for access controls would be included within the project budget or taken from replacement reserves. Viola said funding would be drawn from the reserves.

“This is for replacement of an access system that we had there that was so outdated we couldn’t even find it on the books,” he said.

The current police building, which was not designed as a public safety facil-

ity, is being updated with advice from criminal justice consultants to adhere more closely to modern police protocols.

The project includes building a new section and renovating the existing structure, which previously housed both the police department and administrative services.

“That building ... should be done in the next couple weeks,” Viola said. “We’re coming in right now favorable to budget [roughly] \$200,000.”

Janasek recusing himself from the vote, because he had been traveling and had not seen the proposal.

OP Board approves county sewer line tweak

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Looking to limit impacts to private property, the OPA Board of Directors approved a request from Worcester County to install a section of underground sewer pipe slightly outside of easement areas during a special meeting on Friday.

General Manager John Viola said both OPA Public Works & CPI Director Eddie Wells and Worcester County Construction Technician Mike McCabe were available during the virtual meeting.

OPA President Doug Parks introduced a motion to approve the request

to permit county crews to install an underground six-inch diameter pipe heading northwest from the adjacent Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute to connect with the existing pines sewer system.

“The proposed location of the pipe will be slightly outside of the easement which is the reason for the request,” he said.

Board member Dr. Colette Horn asked if the proposal could result in any adverse environmental impacts.

Viola said, after quickly conferring with McCabe, that outcome is unlikely.

Horn also wanted to know the precise distance variance.

“It’s not real clear from this drawing,

but how far out of the easement is it?” she said.

Viola estimated the distance in question was roughly five feet outside easement areas.

“So it doesn’t affect private property?” she said. “It’s just Ocean Pines property owned by us?”

Viola confirmed Horn’s supposition.

“Colette, that’s actually why they’re doing this,” he said. “They’re trying to stay away from (private) properties as much as they can.”

Director Frank Daly asked if all the piping would be installed below ground.

Viola said the proposed boring would

permit a direct run of underground piping to connect the medical center parcel with Ocean Pines Water and Wastewater systems.

“It’s my understating that they took that route to avoid cutting down trees, disturbing private property and at the same time being able to minimize the cost,” Parks said.

“That’s spot on Doug,” Viola replied.

The board voted unanimously to approve the county’s request to install underground piping in a northwest direction from the medical center parking lot underneath Ocean Parkway and directly above North Gate Pond.

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Planning Commission recommends rezoning

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the mayor and council the rezoning of two properties to B-2 Shopping District at its meeting last Wednesday.

The first case was to rezone the property at 10712 Ocean Gateway from B-1 Town Center Zone to B-2 Shopping District.

A specific use for the property has not been determined.

Joseph Moore of the Law Offices of Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison, submitted the application to rezone the former Harley-Davidson facility, which is in the corporate limits of the Town of Berlin and is owned by Two Farms Inc. T/A Royal Farms.

“All of the uses that have been at that property should more appropriately have been in the B-2 zone in Berlin instead of the B-1 downtown retail district,” Moore said.

The subject property at the southerly side of U.S. Route 50 and east side of Seahawk Road is adjacent to a property that was annexed as B-2 Shopping District, which demonstrates that a mistake was made in the zoning classification.

Moore added that all the surrounding areas, except for the property in discussion, are zoned as B-2.

The property was zoned as B-1 Town Center District upon an annexation that



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The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously approved to recommend to the mayor and council a zoning change for 115 Broad Street with the proposed use of a seafood market during its meeting on July 8.

included property for Stephen Decatur Middle and High Schools.

B-1 Town Center permits uses of hotels and motels, restaurants, cafes, retail businesses, theaters, automobile service stations and dwellings above street level floors where street level floors are utilized as commercial or retail.

B-2 zoning allows more commercial use, Moore said.

The B-2 Shopping District builds on the permitted uses as regulated in B-1 Town

Center with additional uses such as produce stands, taverns, nightclubs, parking lots, animal hospitals, bakeries, laundry services, wholesale business and churches.

The commission agreed with Moore that the property should be rezoned to be compatible with the surrounding properties.

The commission also agreed to recommend a zoning change for 115 Broad Street, formerly the Southern States location, from M-1 Light Industrial to B-2 Shopping District.

In his application, David Diehl said the character of the neighborhood where the property is located has changed with an increase in population, and there is no longer the need for light industrial or heavier commercial uses.

Diehl stated that B-2 Shopping District is a more appropriate zoning classification with the property's proximity to the downtown business district and residential areas.

“It is a mistake to have this property

zoned industrial verses commercial. It probably should have been changed back in 2010 in the most recent comprehensive update of the zoning map,” said Mark Cropper, Diehl's attorney.

The proposed use of the property is a family-owned seafood market, which will offer crabs and a limited menu mainly for carryout.

Diehl said currently the intention is to operate seasonally.

During the public hearing, Planning Director David Engelhart said a storm water management plan would have to be established before adding parking at the site.

When the hearing was adjourned, Engelhart thanked Planning Commission member John Barrett for his contributions to the commission.

The July 8 meeting was Barrett's last meeting as he is moving outside of the district.

For more information, visit berlinmd.gov./department/planning-zoning-permits-code-enforcement/.

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PARKS

Berlin Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said the Public Works Department is fixing maintenance issues on equipment at Stephen Decatur Park that were found during the annual playground inspection of this and the two other town parks.

Parks Commission Briefs

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) The following took place on Tuesday, July 7, during the Berlin Parks Commission meeting:

Rain garden

The commission reviewed a rain garden at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street planted by the Assateague Coastal Trust in early June.

Verena Chase, the Coast Kids program director at Assateague Coastal Trust, said the rain garden was aided by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The rain garden features the following native plants: butterfly milkweed, cardinal flower, spotted beebalm, swamp milkweed, wrinkleleaf goldenrod, common boneset, swamp rose, wild blue phlox and iris versicolor.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said it is in the right location — past the basketball courts next to the pollinator garden that was planted last year — to catch a lot of water.

Grants

Bohlen said she received notification in late May that the proposed lighting of the basketball courts at Dr. William Henry Park was not funded by a grant through the Department of Natural Resources. The project qualified, but the the Community Parks and Playgrounds program under the Department of Natural Resources is focused on new projects.

The mayor and council want to put permanent restrooms at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street for about \$100,000 as well as install lighting for the basketball courts at Henry Park on Flower Street, which would cost about \$101,000.

The Parks Commission agreed to allow the mayor and council to decide which project Bohlen should pursue, and Bohlen will ask the mayor and council to discuss this matter at their July 27 meeting.

The town does not have a new project prepared for a grant application at this time.

Event dates

National Night Out was canceled for Aug. 4. The proposed new date is Oct. 6, but that is the Berlin municipal election day. The Berlin Police Department announced the decision to cancel the National Night Out on Tuesday, July 14. Instead, the police department will focus on three smaller community outreach projects, according to a Facebook post.

In addition, the Fall Just Walk has been rescheduled for Nov. 7.

Heron Park

An update from Jack Orris of the Heron Park Advisory Committee said the pollinator gardens received new mulch and native flowers were planted in the raising beds. There are currently no active projects at the park on Old Ocean City Boulevard due to covid-19 aside from maintaining the pollinator gardens and cutting the grass.

Future long-term goals for the park include adding a skate park and an amphitheater.

Playground inspection

The annual playground inspection found no serious concerns. Bohlen said the Public Works Department is fixing the maintenance issues on equipment such as loose bolts. Public Works is also eliminating low tree branches.

Peach Day

Due to covid-19, the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum is hosting a Peach Day on Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. instead of a Peach Festival this year. Peaches are available for pre-order in half bushels or bags. Call 410-641-1019 to order.

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Additional EDU approved for business after reassessment

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) The Berlin Mayor and Council unanimously agreed to allow Steven Black, the owner of Arby's at 10627 Ocean Gateway in Berlin, to purchase and finance one additional equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) for the property during its meeting on Monday.

An equivalent dwelling unit is a unit measure by which a user is charged for sewer or water services.

The allocation of equivalent dwelling units is an estimate, said Mayor Gee Williams.

"We allocate those initial two EDUs as we did with Mr. Black, but it says after 24 months, those quotes will be re-evaluated," said Town Ad-

ministrator Jeff Fleetwood.

Recent reassessments of businesses showed that Black's property needed three equivalent dwelling units.

"We did receive his deposit check," Fleetwood added.

District 2 Councilmember Zackery Tyndall asked the council to clarify that not all commercial equivalent dwelling units are being re-evaluated, only those that have been newly purchased.

Black said when a business owner asks for a building permit or changes to an aspect of the structure, equivalent dwelling units are evaluated at that time.

For more information, visit berlinmd.gov.



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The Berlin Mayor and Council approved Steven Black, the owner of Arby's on Route 50 in Berlin, to purchase and finance one additional equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) for the property during its meeting on Monday.

Bohlen presents draft of program for park tributes

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) The Berlin Parks Commission reviewed a draft of an agreement for a commemorative program at its meeting last Tuesday that will offer individuals, families or organizations an opportunity to memorialize an event or a loved one through the dedication of park amenities or living tributes.

In the agreement, Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen included estimated costs of amenities, such as benches or picnic tables. Six-foot minimum benches made from recycled materials would be about \$1,000. A child's bench made from recycled materials is estimated to cost \$800. A bike rack costs about \$900. Picnic tables made from recycled materials range from \$1,200-\$1,500 based on size.



Mary Bohlen

"I think it would be very helpful if we set out an example of what we think is appropriate and would be suitable, so that they would be throughout the parks, this is what we're suggesting ... because then it keeps it all the same," said Commission member Patricia Dufendach.

Commission member Bruce Hyder suggested adding a bicycle service station to the list of amenities.

Plaques or engraving are not included in item cost as estimated. It was noted that prices represent the minimum donation and final costs will vary based on applicable shipping, installation and other charges. A \$200 maintenance fee will also be applied.

The cost to the donor will be determined at time of purchase and agreed upon by the Parks Commission prior to ordering, the draft stated.

Items must be purchased through the Town of Berlin from an acceptable vendor. In addition, items must meet minimum standards as determined by the town.

For those interested in donating a living tribute, only native species are permitted. For new planting, the tree must be at least six-feet tall. The cost will be determined by the price of the tree plus a \$100 care fee. Donors may purchase the tree through the town or directly from a source of their choosing, the draft stated.

The Parks Commission suggests the following tree species for the tributes: Crab Apple, Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, Fringe Tree and Serviceberry for flowering trees; American White Ash, American White Elm, American Beech, Hackberry, Honey Locust, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Red

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Census responses starting to plateau around 31 percent

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Worcester County's U.S. Census response rate is starting to plateau at a 31 percent response rate, according to Kelly Henry, Complete County Committee coordinator and technical services manager.

As of Monday, Worcester's response rate ranges from 5.5 percent in an Ocean City tract to 69.3 percent in a Snow Hill tract. Another low response rate is South Point at 38.7 percent. Ocean Pines ranges from 45.7 to 61.3 percent. Berlin ranges from 57.9 to 64 percent. Pocomoke City is at 60.3 percent.

Worcester County had the lowest response rate of all Maryland counties in 2010.

Henry highlighted that some of the participation numbers are low because the county has a high number of secondary or vacation homes. According to the Maryland Department of Planning, 63 percent of homes in Worcester are secondary or vacation, 10 percent are rental and 27 percent are owner occupied, with the highest rate of second homes being in Ocean City, South Point, West Ocean City and Ocean Pines.

'To avoid having a knock at your door or a visit by an enumerator, please take 10 minutes to fill out the 2020 census survey.'
Kelly Henry

"The census counts people where they live and sleep most of the time," Henry said.

This means that those who have a second home should still fill out the survey, but according to Henry, it can be filled out as a second home instead of a primary residence.

When accounting for occupied homes only, the count for the lowest tract in Ocean City jumps from 5.5 to 71.4 percent. South Point jumps from

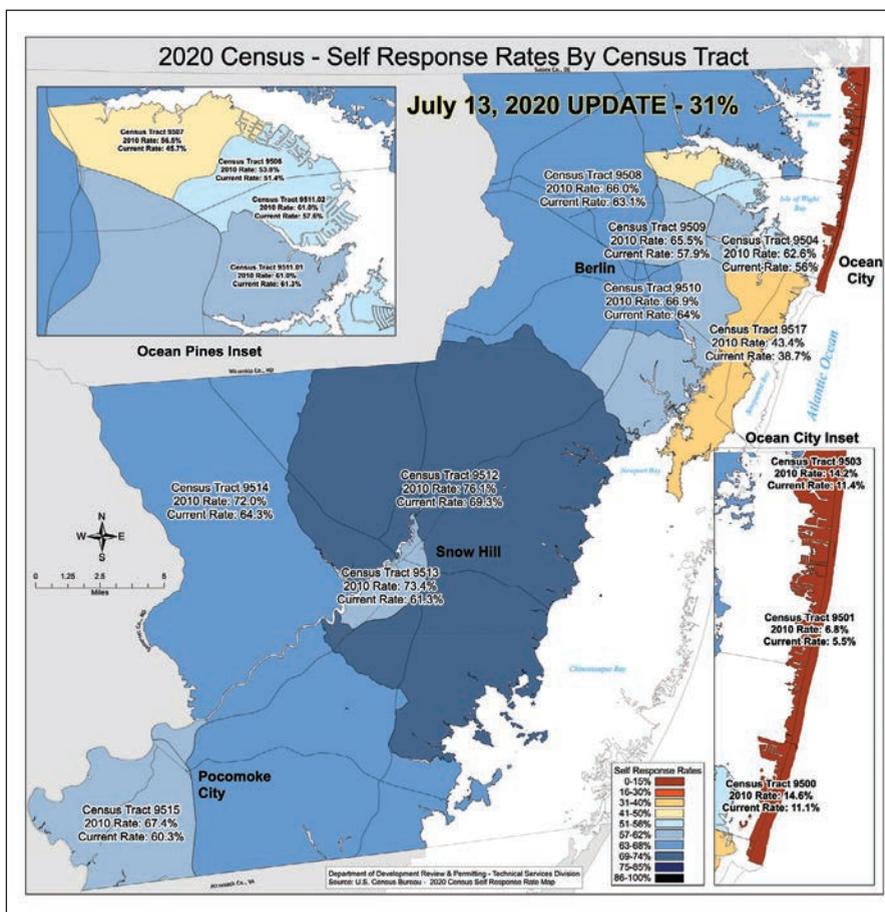


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Last week, Worcester County reached a census response rate of 31 percent.

38.7 to 78.8 percent.

Another obstacle the census must overcome is the covid-19 pandemic. The census deadline has been extended from July 31 to Oct. 31 as a result. Much of census advertising has

switched to social media as large gatherings are discouraged.

Henry said that although the pandemic has postponed much of life, the census is still important because
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Dedications of park amenities

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Oak, River Birch, Shagbark Hickory, Sugar Maple, White Oak and Willow Oak to provide shade; or American Holly, Loblolly Pine, Red Cedar, White Pine for evergreen.

Donors can suggest other native species, but they must be approved by the Parks Commission.

There is an option to transplant a tree to a Berlin park, but it must be approved by the Town of Berlin and Parks Commission. A \$100 care fee will be applied.

A donor can also request flowers for a living tribute. A one-time donation of \$150 will be allocated to the purchase and planting of flowers during the next Clean-Up Day, which is typically held on the closest Saturday to Earth Day.

Lastly, any monetary donations are accepted to benefit the overall maintenance of Berlin parks.

Donors will have to sign the agreement, accepting the conditions of the commemorative program.

Bohlen said she will make a few adjustments to the agreement, then present it to the commission again.

The final approval for the commemorative program agreement would then come from the mayor and council, Bohlen added.





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Bacteria levels in St. Martin fall back into EPA safe zone

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field was flooded with so much rain the subsequent runoff into our creeks and bays negated any results from last week."

Phillips said although the 108 reading just off the club's beach caught the attention of many Pines residents, the same week Turville Creek tested at 1,382 per ml.

"There was definitely something going on there at Turville Creek and we're looking into that," she said. "Now that's a number where I would say don't swim."

Turville Creek samples are drawn from the Gum Point Road boat ramp

Phillips said a good rule of thumb is to avoid open water swimming for at least 48 hours after strong down-

pours due to storm water runoff.

"We'll be testing again this Thursday and posting results on Friday," she said. "With no rain in the forecast this week, I'm sure things will have calmed down by then and our test results should be pretty normal for late July."

Weekly test results are online at theswimguide.org/affiliates/as-sateague-coastal-trust/



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Water samples are taken from the St. Martin River about 50 feet off the beach at the Swim and Racquet Club in Ocean Pines.

School system keeps options open

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will be in place when school begins on Sept. 8.

If schools cannot resume at full capacity in the fall, schools could employ hybrid learning or distance learning, similar to the instructional delivery method used during the spring semester.

In addition, The Maryland State Education Association, Baltimore Teachers Union, and Maryland PTA held a teleconference via Zoom on Tuesday at 2 p.m. about the risks of returning for



Annette Wallace

in-person instruction this school year.

A joint letter addressed to Gov. Larry Hogan and State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon calls for Maryland schools to begin with virtual learning and instruction. After one semester, schools could transition into hybrid learning and possibly in-person learning later in the school year.

"In the face of no additional funding at the federal, state, or local level—let alone threatened budget cuts—it is not realistic to believe that all schools will be equipped with additional and more expensive necessities to stay safe on a daily basis," the letter states.

The Maryland State Education Association, Baltimore Teachers Union, and Maryland PTA urge state and county leaders to establish a safe and consistent model of learning.

For the full article, see the Friday, July 17, issue of *Ocean City Today*.

Topics carry over to next session

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formation, and decision making of public bodies."

Meetings can be held by teleconference as long as the public can listen to meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act during the current state of covid-19 emergency.

The act does not require the mayor and council to allow public comments during a meeting.

The mayor and council do not respond to questions or comments made on Facebook during a regular meeting. Questions are only taken during a public hearing.

"With just two items left and with the public not being able to hear the proceedings, I would recommend that we postpone this meeting and add those two things to the next meeting while we work on getting the sound

thing corrected," said District 4 Councilmember Dean Burrell.

The council moved to postpone the remaining items—the draft reserve policy and the discussion about the sewer fund balance reduction owed to the general fund—until the next meeting on Monday, July 27.

For more information, visit berlinmd.gov/government/council-meetings/.

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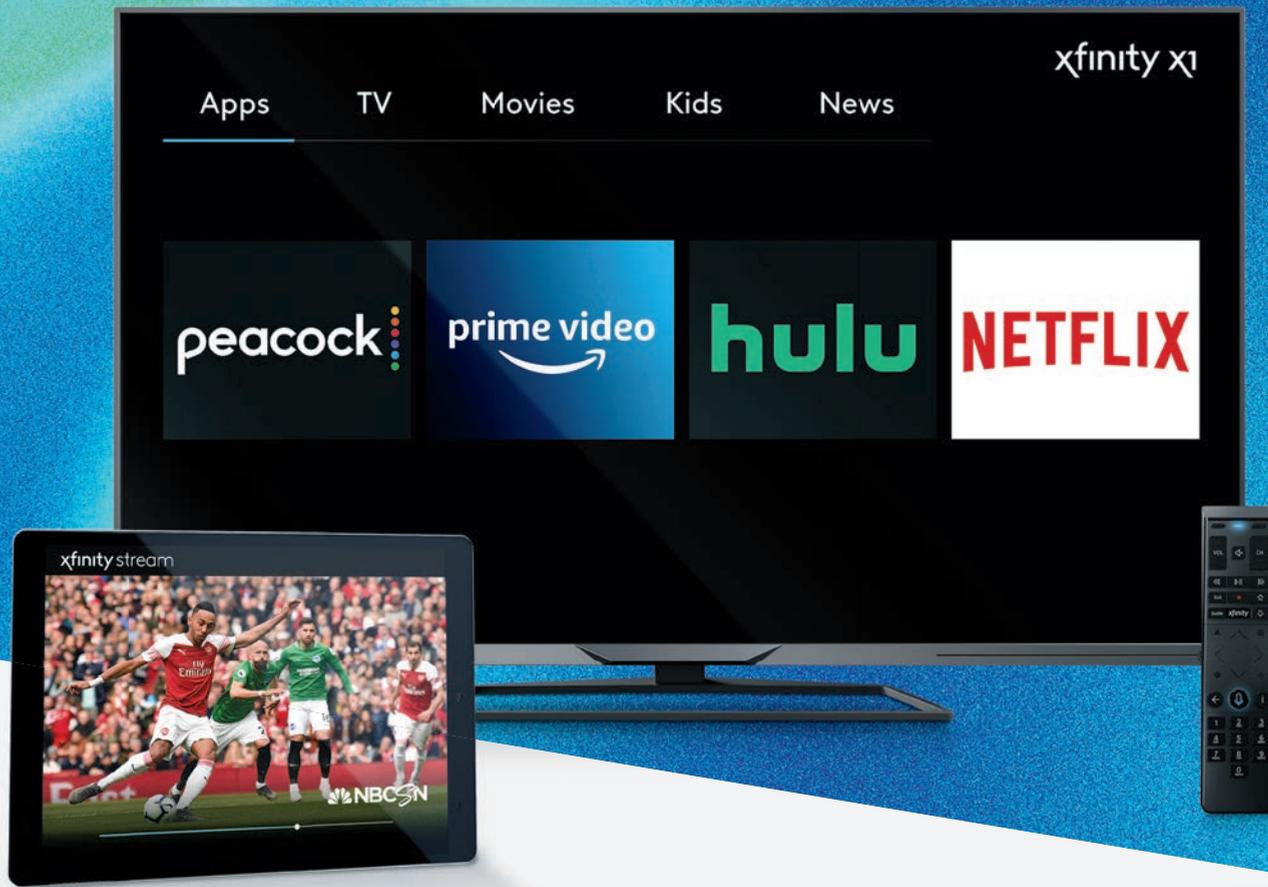
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Owners of second homes should fill out census survey

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it will affect the federal funding Maryland and Worcester County receive for the next 10 years.

"The lingering impacts of education, health care, businesses and income brought on by this global impact will make the amount of federal and state funding even more important and necessary," Henry said.

The census determines funding for schools, health care and road construction. It also determines congressional districts. For every person not counted, state and local jurisdictions lose \$18,250 in federal funds over the next 10 years.

Henry added that starting next month, the U.S. Census Bureau will start sending out enumerators to households that have not yet responded to the survey.

"To avoid having a knock at your door or a visit by an enumerator, please take 10 minutes to fill out the 2020 census survey," Henry said. "It's easy. It's safe. It's important."

Call 844-330-2020 to complete the census over the phone. The phone line is open every day from 7-2 a.m. Visit 2020census.gov for more information.

Oyster gardens aid water quality

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Oyster spat, although barely visible to the naked eye, could have sizeable impacts on pollution levels in the St. Martin River watershed.

Long regarded as Maryland's coastal bays' most compromised body of water, the St. Martin River and its tributaries have improved via the water filtration provided by oyster gardening by environmental groups and waterfront residents.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program environmental scientist Carly Toulan said the nonprofit has been working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to promote oyster gardening in the area.

"Volunteers will get oyster spat and cages and they'll grow oysters over a period of time," she said.

Hoping to reinvigorate oyster stocks, Gov. Martin O'Malley in 2008 initiated the Marylanders Grow Oysters program operated by natural resources and the Oyster Recovery Partnership.

Oysters reproduce when underwater eggs and sperm float together with the resulting larvae attaching to shells or rocks as minute spat that grow fairly quickly into decent size specimens.

"Sometimes it's a year [and] sometimes a little bit longer," she said.

Toulan said lower shore oyster production efforts have been bolstered over the past few years with assistance from Joe and Gail Jankowski, both charter members of the Protectors of the St. Martin River volunteer group.

"They established their own oyster gardening program for people living within the St. Martin River watershed, and specifically people in the Ocean Pines community," she said.

Joe Jankowski said since 2018 the couple has been able to contribute ever-increasing counts of mature oysters to area waterways after they started raising oysters roughly a half-dozen years back.

"We donated what we had on hand," he said. "Last year we donated about 960 oysters [and] in 2018 we donated 340 oysters."

Last month, Toulan was amazed at the harvest of roughly 1,600 mollusks provided by a small group of volunteers organized by Joe and Gail Jankowski.

"We went and met them at the Swim and Racquet Club in Ocean Pines," she said. "We collected all of their oysters and distributed them to a nearby oyster sanctuary and planted them on the reef."



PHOTO COURTESY JOE JANKOWSKI
Volunteers pick up cages from Gail and Joe Jankowski to hang off docksides and grow oysters for help in filtering water pollutants.

Toulan said the yet unnamed oyster reef is located near the Route 90 Bridge.

"They wanted to donate those to us and we happily took them because we are always happy to plant more oysters," she said. "Especially in the St. Martin River ... because that is the most degraded watershed out of the entire coastal bays."

Gail said the campaign to assist the Maryland Coastal Bays reef projects began percolating about six years ago after the couple learned of comparable efforts by an associate in Cr-

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Volunteers help St. Martin River

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“He kind of started it as a clean up the Chesapeake Bay effort too,” she said. “Joe said, ‘I’d like to try it to see if they survive here in the St. Martin River.’”

After experiencing low mortality rates for oyster spat, Gail said the experiment gained significant support in recent years from fellow members of the Protectors of the St. Martin River.

“After the Protectors of the St. Martin River formed, Joe was talking to them about what he’d been doing with growing oysters mainly to filter,” she said. “We kept finding people in that group who were interested.”

Protectors of the St. Martin River was formed in response to a proposed factory-farm type poultry operation located near Shingle Landing Prong, a river tributary. The proposal led to a well-attended public hearing in April 2018 hosted by Maryland Department of the Environment, as the Worcester County Commissioners weighed approval of a proposed water discharge permit.

After becoming familiarized with oyster propagation through the Maryland Coastal Bays program, Joe Jankowski realized a small investment was all that would be needed.

“They’ve been getting donated spat on shell, which is sort of the cheapest way to get seed oysters,” he said. “I said, ‘I’m willing to spend a little money on this.’”

After investing a bit over \$300, Joe Jankowski uncovered an associated state tax break to absorb the expense.

“Then come to find out that ... Maryland actually has a program whereby you can write off whatever money you put into raising oysters off your dock,” he said.

With tax code knowledge in hand, Joe Jankowski made a sales pitch to fellow clean water advocates.

“We can do this and it won’t cost a whole lot of money, maybe \$30-\$40 for a cage of oysters,” he said. “I just started building cages and people that were interested would sign up.”

The typical procedure includes volunteers purchasing a cage with roughly 75 oysters to grow for a year.

“They kept getting bigger and heavier,” Gail Jankowski said. “We kept having to build more cages.”

Gail Jankowski noted the couples’ local efforts are intended to complement the work already done by the Maryland Coastal Bays program.

“In the beginning, they were getting their seed oysters through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s efforts and often by the time it got to the Eastern Shore there weren’t very many ... available,” she said. “There seemed to be people that were interested but not able to get seed oysters.”

also realized regardless of spat availability, starting with seed oysters up to an inch in diameter would result in larger yields.

“Ours are bigger and they’re all ready to filter,” she said.

Volunteers working with Joe and Gail Jankowski typically retain cages of seed oysters for a year or more.

On average, oysters reaching diameters of three inches can filter around 50 gallons of water daily.

“Having bigger oysters in these cages in the river is probably more beneficial than only growing them for a year, donating them and then starting all over again with spat, which can’t filter for six months,” she said.

Toulan said oyster gardeners typically hang cages off docks or bulkheads.

“It depends on who is volunteering, where they live and what they’re able to hang the cages off,” she said. “Joe and Gail are really passionate about their program and they’re constantly expanding and growing.”

Gail said at present 15 volunteers, with two thirds being Pines residents, are involved with oyster production.

“We have people who have cages in the canals in Ocean Pines even,” she said. “We certainly have a lot of members in the Protectors of the St. Martin River who are in the pines.”

Joe Jankowski said his observations indicate the oyster gardening



PHOTO COURTESY JOE JANKOWSKI

Last month a small band of dedicated oyster gardeners organized by Gail and Joe Jankowski donated buckets with roughly 1,600 shelled specimens to bolster reef building efforts by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

volunteers have helped to improve water quality.

“Our canals look great,” he said. “We’re doing more this year and next year we’ll probably do more than 2,500 oysters.”

Toulan applauded the continuing oyster growing campaign conducted by the Jankowski’s and others.

“They did all of the heavy lifting and we just collected the oysters and planted them on the reef,” she said. “Keeping oysters in the St. Martin is very, very important because we need all the help we can get to improve the water quality.”

Toulan said an increasing number of Pines residents have been contacting the Maryland Coastal Bays offices wanting to learn more about oyster gardening.

“Since we started working with Joe and Gail, word’s been getting around the Ocean Pines community and it’s been traveling fast,” she said. “You might not have a science background [or] know anything about oysters, but a program like this is something that anyone and everyone can do.”

To learn more about oyster gardening email Joe and Gail Jankowski at protectorsstmartinriver@yahoo.com.



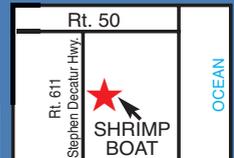
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OP Yacht Club holds outdoor concert series

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Open-air concert with covid-19 health restrictions in place have begun at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club from Thursdays through Sundays until Labor Day Weekend.

Lewis Sherman, yacht club director of operations, said the events cost nothing to attend, with food and drink menu items served during the performances.

"Right now, music is from Thursday-Sunday from 6-10 p.m.," he said. "We're doing a variety of acts [with] some local and some are coming from the surrounding states."

Sherman said in addition to a live set from cover band 8 Balls this Thursday, local group Full Circle is scheduled on Friday to be followed by a costume-clad Fab Four tribute this Saturday from 8-10 p.m.

"Saturday night we have Beatlegacy," he said. "It's the third year they played."

Despite the spate of familiar acts, such as an eclectic set of Elvis covers from Bob Lougheed and the Memphis

Mafia last weekend, there are some new sounds on tap this year.

"We try to maintain new stuff," he said. "I always bring in at least 4-5 new acts a couple times throughout the summer to try and mix it up."

Other past performers on tap for live sets this summer at the club include the Lauren Glick Band, Tranzfusion and Great Train Robbery.

"We have 4-5 similar acts that play at Sundaes in the Park at North Side Park," he said.

Sherman said although the yacht club's summer concert series, which traditionally kicks off two weeks before Memorial Day Weekend, was launched later than usual this summer, the turnout has been solid.

"It's been pretty successful for us," he said. "Our schedule after Labor Day goes down to weekends, but we do it all the way through the end of September."

Sherman said all concerts are open to the public with appropriate safety measures in place.

"We're open to the public," he said. "The way we're handling the seating is we have all the tables at least six feet



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Live music is on tap at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Thursday through Sunday starting at 6 p.m.

apart from each other, in accordance with the health regulations that were put out."

Sherman said regardless of booking numerous performers who appear regularly in Ocean City the concert series tends to attract a hyper-local pines turnout.

"Ninety percent of our crowd is usually from the Ocean Pines area," he said. "They're looking for a reason not to have to go to Ocean City during all the craziness."

For more information visit online at <https://www.opyachtclub.com/live-music>

Annual Peach Festival shortened to one day

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on North Main Street in Berlin will hold a Peach Day on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. instead of the traditional festival because of coronavirus concerns.

Museum curator Susan Taylor said the 12th annual event will take place throughout downtown rather than on the museum lawn to encourage social distancing.

Local nonprofit vendors will be offering products on their properties.

"Stevenson Church will be selling their crabcakes on the church's lawn," Taylor said. Buckingham Presbyterian Church will be selling their pies that were normally on our lawn. They'll be selling them at their church



Susan Taylor

lawn. Baked Desserts is still going to have the peach dumplings that they had on our lawn, but it will be at their business downtown. So, the idea is to get people to filter through downtown instead of congregating in one place."

Commerce Street will be closed off for the event to allow for more food vendors.

Island Creamery, On What Grounds?, Sisters, Uncle Jon's, Beach Memories and Bruder Hill will be offering peach-flavored treats throughout the celebration.

"We are preparing a little map of businesses that are doing like special deals or that want to be involved,"

Taylor said.

A scavenger hunt is also planned to have people spread out through town.

"Businesses around town will have peach-related questions in their shops, and people can start the scavenger hunt, bring back the completed questionnaire to the museum, and we're going to have a drawing and pick a winner," Taylor said.

No craft vendors will participate this year.

"There were just too many people on the lawn," Taylor said. "It would draw too many crowds."

Taylor said the modern-day peach festival that is now a popular event in Berlin was inspired by a one-day celebration of peaches in the early 20th Century.

The first "Great Peach Fest" took place in Berlin on July 31, 1913. J.G. Harrison & Sons hosted the event, according to a post on Calvin B. Taylor House Museum's Facebook page.

The "Great Peach Fest" brought together 2,000 horticulturalists to inspect the orchards at Harrison's Nurseries and learn about the spraying method used to preserve the year's peach crop.

Taylor said the museum members read 50 years' worth of newspapers to research an exhibit and learned about the "Great Peach Fest."

"The article mentioned they had like a big picnic in front of the Harrison House, which is in town here, the one where the nursery offices were. There were pictures of all the people

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Addiction services manage stress, covid-19

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(July 16, 2020) Although health experts have been saying more people might turn to alcohol or illicit drugs as a result of stress from the covid-19 crisis, Worcester County addiction services report that program participants are still on track overall.

Collen Wareing, a board member of the Atlantic Club and Worcester Warriors, said the Atlantic Club never closed as it was designated as an essential service.

"We needed to have someone available so that someone didn't relapse or if there was someone looking for help, that there was someone to be there," Wareing said.

Any employee or program participant had to wear a mask inside the building and undergo a temperature check. Anyone entering the building also went through a screening to make sure they weren't at high-risk for covid-19. The number of people allowed in the building was also limited.

Wareing said she couldn't tell if more people were struggling with ad-

diction since most of the meetings are conducted via Zoom. She added that the biggest obstacle to sobriety during the pandemic is socialization.

"They might be sober, but they emotionally and spiritually need to address things and that takes contact with people," Wareing said. "That has been much harder with the epidemic [pandemic]. And to add to that, there's stressors if they're unemployed, they can't see their family, they can't hug the people they love. It's emotionally trying on all of us, let alone someone who is struggling with the disease of addiction."

She said the Atlantic Club regulars have been tremendously supportive of each other.

"People have made sure that they've called others that might be isolated, who might not be computer literate, to be able to get on a Zoom meeting," Wareing said. "They've made sure they've taken care of each other."

She said she was looking forward to an in-person event held last Sunday to honor those who kept the club open 24 hours a day, as well as the Walk for Recovery on Sept. 12, which will have a virtual option.

Tish Ottey, founder of Hope4Recovery, a level II recovery house, said residents typically have their days

filled with intensive outpatient counseling, Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous meetings and work.

"Structure and routine is huge, and what happened when covid hit and everybody was quarantine, it took that away," Ottey said.

To stay busy, she said residents participated in projects such as a vegetable garden and celebrated a clean date party, both donated by Worcester Goes Purple.

"I know the recovery community has suffered a lot," Ottey said. "We were lucky with relapses. It wasn't too bad in the Berlin house."

Although she didn't know if more people are turning to substance abuse during the pandemic, Ottey said some thrive on stress, while others are pushed over the edge.

"Stress, when you couple it with mental illness and not being able to get those counseling visits and doctor's appointments, it definitely



PHOTO COURTESY TISH OTTEY
Hope4Recovery, a level II recovery house in Berlin, has tried to keep a steady schedule for residents as they battle addiction during the covid-19 pandemic.

shakes things up," Ottey said.

She said that overall, the residents are doing well and are returning to normal, as more jobs are available in Ocean City and counseling meetings are starting to open.

Carla H., whose last name is omitted per Alcoholics Anonymous policy, said she couldn't tell if more people were turning to substance abuse, since most meetings are still virtual, but she did say that in her Ocean City group, most were turning to more

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Fundraiser to hold scavenger hunt in downtown Berlin

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on the yard, and it mentioned how much food they had," Taylor said.

The peach festival is one of the biggest fundraisers for the museum and surrounding nonprofits.

"We want it to be a community event to help boost the economy of Berlin," said Jan Quick, museum committee member.

During this year's Peach Day, the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will sell peaches on the lawn by the bag for \$8 or half bushel for \$70, homemade peach jam for \$8 and museum totes filled with books about Berlin and Worcester County and jam for \$30.

Pre-ordering will be available until July 28, with a \$40 minimum.

Quick said the prices may be slightly higher than in the past, but customers should view their purchases as a donation to the museum.

Customers must pre-pay by credit card and pick-up on Aug. 1.

Masks are required when on the museum lawn to pick up peaches.

The George and Pat Bilenki Duo will perform on the lawn, providing background music for shoppers.

For more information, follow the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum and Town of Berlin pages on Facebook or call the museum at 410-641-1019.

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Opinion

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Massey helped depts. reflect his standards

Hail to the departing chief. That would be, of course, Dave Massey, who has presided over the evolution of the Ocean Pines Police Department from a "special police department" to a full-fledged, state-certified law enforcement agency.

Massey, who worked his way up from summer cop to police chief in Ocean City before taking over the leadership position from Ocean Pines' first chief, Rod Murray, is responsible for that department's transformation.

As a "special police department," officers wielded little legal authority vis a vis state laws, as it was not recognized by the state's law enforcement regulatory bodies.

That changed in 2005, when Massey persuaded local legislators to back a law change that would grant the Pines' department state recognition as a bona fide law enforcement agency.

Over time, Massey molded the department into the kind of operation he had been teaching others about through his books and papers on policing, and as an adjunct faculty member at Wor-Wic Community College.

Notably, a significant portion of Massey's writing pertains to the ethics of policing, and that concentration obviously influenced his interactions with the public and the press.

Although press-police relations often range from guarded, to tense, to adversarial, that was never the case with Massey or his departments. As the son of a typesetter back in the hot metal days of newspaper printing at the Star-Democrat in Easton, Massey has always known that the press has a job to do as well.

He accommodated reporters when he could and gave them the straight facts when appropriate, but he also defended his people against news stories he believed were unjustifiably critical.

Massey was and continues to be a good guy cop, who grew up in the field and helped his departments do the same.

It was a pleasure to work with him and we wish him well in his retirement.



"This is the life! Nice digs, retirement to the reef and helping to clean the St. Martin River."

Ocean Pines summer report online

(July 16, 2020) The latest issue of the Ocean Pines Report, the association's quarterly newsletter, is now available online.

Physical copies should be mailed to homeowners within the next week or two.

The latest issue features statements and interviews from three candidates running for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, as well as key dates in the election process.

There are also several

community-based stories related to covid-19, from two Ocean Pines women who helped spruce up a popular walking path to provide some cheer, to a local food pantry that managed to persevere during the pandemic, and an extensive interview with an Ocean Pines resident who heads up the infection prevention program at Atlantic General Hospital.

General Manager John Viola, Association President

Doug Parks, Director of Recreation and Parks Debbie Donahue, Director of Golf John Malinowski, Police Chief David Massey, Director of Finance and Operational Logistics Steve Phillips, and Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips also provide operational updates.

To view the Ocean Pines Report, visit <https://www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/quarterly-newsletters>.

Burn ban in effect in Worcester Co.

(July 16, 2020) Effective immediately, Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon issued a burn ban, and all outdoor burning is banned for an indefinite period of time in Worcester County.

The ban applies to all outdoor ignition sources, with the following exceptions: proper use of gas and charcoal grills, campfires at the county's commercial, state and federal campgrounds,

permitted official Ocean City bonfires, private property recreational campfires that are limited to a fire area of two feet with a height of three feet, public fireworks displays, and volunteer fire company training exercises.

"Due to the county's current dry conditions and the forecasted extreme heat, the burn ban is effective immediately," Fire Marshal McMahon said. "This ban should reduce the number of

out-of-control outside fires, which cause safety concerns for area residents, visitors and especially responding personnel."

"The ban will remain in effect until the dry conditions dissipate," Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell said. "In addition, all existing outdoor burn permits have been rescinded."

For further information, contact Fire Marshal McMahon at 410-632-5666.

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OP Police Chief Massey set to retire Aug. 1

(July 16, 2020) Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey is retiring, again. This time, however, he apparently intends to stay retired, as he pursues interests that he has had to delay for 46 years.



David Massey

After 17 years as chief of the Ocean Pines department, and 29 years with the Ocean City Police Department, including almost 13 as chief, Massey will leave active-duty policing on Aug. 1. Moving into that billet will be 34-year department veteran Lt. Leo Ehrisman.

"I've spent 46 years where I've worked every Fourth of July and every summer," he said. "I want to go to Normandy and see where my dad landed. I've never been able to get out of the country long enough to do that, because I've always felt my responsibility was in my community.

"I plan on having a punch list, with my wife, to go visit some places around the world, to go back to England and see where my mother grew up, those kinds of things," he added.

Massey, who holds a doctoral degree in education and teaches policing-related courses at Wor-Wic Community College, also plans to continue writing, having already penned one police textbook.

Born in Easton, in Talbot County,

Massey said he originally intended to become a schoolteacher and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in what was then Salisbury State Teacher's College.

But then, after graduation in 1974 and a job as a substitute teacher, he signed on as a summer police officer in Ocean City ... and stayed to become the resort's first police chief who had worked his way through the ranks to the top.

Massey retired from that post in 2002 to pursue his doctorate, swearing he "would never get another po-

lice job."

"Then, this job [in Ocean Pines] suddenly became vacant and it was the only place that I would go and be a chief, because of the nature of the community," he said. Massey stepped in with the retirement of Ocean Pines' first police chief, Rod Murray.

During his tenure at that department's reins, he saw it evolve from a "special," or limited-authority agency, into a state-certified member of the law enforcement community. That evolution included his creation of a criminal investigation division and now, the expansion of the department's humble and modestly

equipped station into a state-of-the-art headquarters.

As for his future, Massey said he will remain in the area.

"I'm going to be working part-time and on my own terms, but you just know when it's time," he said. "I've always said a chief's job is to leave the department better than you found it. If you can say that, you did your job. And I feel like I've done my job.

"I originally felt that last year I was going to retire, but I wanted to fight for this new building, and I said I would stick around until it's done. It's just about done, so I'm punching that list too," he said.

Assault nets Durham seven years

(July 16, 2020) James "Troy" Durham, 52, of Pocomoke City, was sentenced by the Honorable W. Newton Jackson on June 29, to a term of seven years' imprisonment in the Division of Correction.

A Worcester County jury previously found Durham guilty of second-degree assault after a trial was held on Jan. 7. Durham, formerly a sheriff's deputy in Somerset County, will



James Durham

also be prohibited from possessing a firearm as a result of the conviction.

The charges stem from an altercation that occurred on the grounds of an RV repair shop on Mackemie Road in Pocomoke, on Sept. 25, 2018.

Police were dispatched for a report of assault and witnesses on scene stated that during what began as a verbal altercation, Durham had punched and kicked the victim in the head until another individual intervened with a crowbar.

The victim required extensive medical treatment at Shock Trauma and continues to suffer from injuries sustained in the assault.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Jesse's Paddle holds online auction

First place

Stephen Decatur High School junior Houston Phillips finished first place in the state in the Economic Education Stock Market Game.



Houston Phillips

Phillips set a school record, earning a return of over 90 percent on a \$100,000 virtual investment.

The program is sponsored by the SIFMA Foundation, an independent educational corporation, which has served more than 17 million students since 1977.

Phillips participated in the program as a student in business teacher Kurt Marx's Advanced Marketing course.

Kiwanis scholarships

Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City awards scholarships to local graduating senior students.

This year, though not with all the pomp and circumstance, Kiwanis Club presented scholarships totaling \$11,500 to Stephen Decatur High School students.

Recipients of \$1,000 scholarships are: Zehra Mirza, Zachary Hickman, Continued on Page 20

(July 16, 2020) July 18 would have been the 12th annual Jesse's Paddle, an on-the-Pocomoke event to raise funds for the Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship and the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program.

Unfortunately, this is not a normal year.

"But, that doesn't stop the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund from celebrating the need for our scholarship, and the history of over a decade of dedication to ending the threat of suicide, nor does it diminish our need for funding, or of our appreciation for the donations our supporters so generously send us," said Fund President Kim Klump.

"Virtual" doesn't mean just sitting on the sofa watching TV, she added.

"We're suggesting that our friends do something fun outdoors, send us a photo or video of your outdoor activity and tell us how being out in the fresh air made you feel, how it improved your mental health," Klump said.

Hashtag Facebook pictures/story post to #JessesVirtualPaddle2020, or send the message and the photos to weremember@jessespaddle.org and the organization will post them.

There are many ways to make tax-deductible donations.

Donors can send a check payable to: "Jesse's Paddle," P.O. Box 1786, Berlin, Maryland 21811, or click on the "donate" tab at the top of the www.jessespaddle.org home page.

Donations can be made on Facebook as well, or by going to the Jesse's Paddle 2020 crowdfunding site. Start at www.jessespaddle.org, click on Jesse's Paddle, and the link to the crowdfunding will appear.

At the crowdfunding site, donors can donate in general, on behalf of a friend who has created his or her own crowdfunding page, or create their own pages.

The 2020 Jesse's Paddle Silent

Auction is moving online. To see the items that have been donated, again start at www.jessespaddle.org, click on Jesse's Paddle and the link to the silent auction. Bidding opens June 18 and continues through July 18.

This year's kayak raffle is online, featuring an Old Town Vapor 12XT solo kayak. There are tabs for the online auction and raffle tickets (and links to both at www.jessespaddle.org. click on Jesse's Paddle): <https://admin.charityauctionstoday.com/np/orgs/198826/auctions> <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/t/jkmf-kayak-raffle-98fc18d4ef>

Members find healthy outlets

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positive outlets, such as yoga on the beach.

"There are lots of other things to calm anxiety that you can do and I think people are seeking those out," Carla said. "I think people are seeking each other. It's just limited."

Mike Trader, assistant director for Worcester County Health Department's behavioral health program, said the department does worry about people turning to unhealthy stress management, but that there's no good way to measure that right now.

"I think that's going to a long-term effect of covid," Trader said. "Long-term, we're going to see effects with folks with substance abuse and folks with mental health."

He said the largest obstacle to treatment initially was the lack of access to inpatient treatment facilities at the start of the pandemic. Most have since reopened.

"Even as they've reopened their doors, they've been able to take in fewer people because of spacing," Trader said. "It's really cut into capacity at inpatient treatment facilities."

Travis Brown, public information officer for the health department,

said that it has been trying to encourage people to take advantage of the summer for healthy stress relief.

"Physical activity is one of the greatest things that anybody can do — go outside, get some endorphins going," Brown said.

He said the health department has collaborated with other organizations to create various health videos, such as yoga and breathing exercises that are available on their website and social media.

Trader said he was surprised to see that many health department clients are generally managing the pandemic well.

"I wonder if this has been a little bit easier for them to manage and cope with because they're a little more used to dealing with stressors than others might be," Trader said.

Trader said a key component is to keep up to date with the state's regulations with telehealth services, which could become a long-term treatment plan.

Substance abuse services can be contacted at:

- Atlantic Club: 410-213-1007
- Ocean City Alcoholics Anonymous: ocaa.org
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July 23: John McNutt, 4-8 p.m.;
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Kayla Janek, Hanna Beck, Caroline Gardner, Abigail Yesko, Branden Manuel, Matthew Wrench, Caela Berri and Sydney Boger.

Alexa Upperman, Mikayla Denault and Gabrielle Izzett received \$500 each.

Graduates

Jason Chrysanthis of Berlin, University of Vermont, Bachelor of Science Degree, Natural Resources; Lauren Dykes of Berlin, University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science, Commerce & Business Administration; Ryan Murphy of Berlin, College of Charleston, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Lexi Mathabel of Ocean City, Ohio University, Bachelor of Science, Journalism; Kyla Walker of Berlin, Hood College, Bachelor's Degree, Mathematics.

Top scores

Six out of 42 Worcester Preparatory School juniors – Charles “Chipper” Becker, Waverly Choy, Sophia Ludt, Hannah Perdue, Joseph Schwartz and Summer Walker – scored in the top 2.5 percent of high school junior PSAT test-takers from a rural area, earning the chance to participate in College Board National Recognition Programs.



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S. Walker

In addition to this recognition, two members of the Class of 2021, Daniel Chen and Joseph Schwartz, earned a perfect ACT score (36 out of 36) this past February.



D. Chen

Dean's List

Several Worcester County residents earned Dean's List honors from their respective colleges.

They are: Laila Mirza of Ocean Pines, Georgia Tech; Chadwick Fischer of Berlin, Nichols College; Mitchell Forrest of Bishopville, York College of Pennsylvania; Elsa Quillin of Berlin, College of William & Mary; Lexi Mathabel of Ocean City, Ohio University; Jil-

lian Griggs of Berlin, Adelphi University; Max Bisaha of Berlin, College of Charleston; Molly McCormick of Berlin, College of Charleston; Samantha Hill, Tanner Leonard and Kyla Walker, all of Berlin, Hood College; Patrick Miller of Ocean City; Coastal Carolina University; Hannah Slacum of Ocean City, Coastal Carolina University.

New students

McDaniel College welcomes members of the Class of 2024, who are graduates of Stephen Decatur High School.

Those students and their areas of study are: Emma Beachley of Berlin, Social Work and Health Sciences; Hannah Burke of Ocean City, Biology and Business Administration; Sierra Eisemann of Bishopville, Biology and Kinesiology; Branden Manuel of Berlin; Andrew Mathews of Berlin, Psychology and Theatre Arts.

President's List

Several Worcester County residents earned President's List honors from their respective colleges.

They are: Abby Nicole King of Bishopville, Clemson University, Marketing; Rachael Weidman of Berlin, College of Charleston, Psychology; Maya Ziashakeri of Berlin, College of Charleston, Exercise Science.

Worcester GOLD seeks donations of school supplies

(July 16, 2020) Worcester County GOLD, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing emergency assistance for Worcester County residents in times of crisis, is currently seeking help from the community to provide children with the necessary school supplies to continue vital learning.

While some students will be able to participate in online learning, many will not. Without access to devices or broadband internet, some students in the area may be at an educational disadvantage.

With the assistance of community members, GOLD can provide these students with backpacks filled with grade-level appropriate school supplies, and lessen the impact of the digital divide.

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Calendar

Thurs., July 16

RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THE JULY RED, WHITE AND BLUE LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway. The Republican Women of Worcester County announce their July gathering to be held on July 23. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 11 a.m. The guest speakers will be Diana Waterman, President of Maryland Federation of Republican Women and Mary Beth Carozza, Maryland State Senator. Cost of the luncheon is \$22. Reservations: www.gopwomenofworchester.org. Participants can pay online or by sending checks to RWWC, PO Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811 by July 16.

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FREE FAMILY BEACH GAMES

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Held Thursdays through Aug. 27. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. <https://ococean.com/events/family-beach-games2020Hel>

SILLY JOE 'IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT' (YOUTH)

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 7:00 PM. Silly Joe's songs and stories begin traditionally, then take an imaginative twist. See it Drive In style, register to see the show on Zoom or watch the recording on the library's Facebook page from July 17-20. <https://worchesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6780537>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Grab a bite to eat from the food truck and enjoy music by "Eclipse" (Journey tribute band). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to bring your own seating. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800, <https://ococean.com/events/sunset-park-party-nightso20>

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Caroline Street Beach, 8:30 PM. Each week a new DJ hits the Caroline Street Stage where participants can dance under the lights on the beach. The event leads into the fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. <https://ococean.com/events/oc-beach-dance-party2020>

THURSDAY'S DOWNTOWN BEACH FIREWORKS

Talbot Street Beach, 10:30 PM. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800, <https://ococean.com/events/thursday-s-downtown-beach-fireworks>

Fri., July 17

COVER THE CRUISER - TORCH RUN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

N. Division Street, 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The Ocean City Police Department will park a cruiser on the boardwalk under the Boardwalk Arch. Any pledge amount of the purchase of Law Enforcement Torch Run merchandise is accepted and will allow participants the opportunity to place a pledge card on the cruiser. The goal is to cover the cruiser with pledge cards. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Maryland.

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

27th Street Beach, 8:30 PM. Sit in the sand and enjoy a free movie. Featuring "Cars." Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. All titles are subject to change without notice. All movies are weather permitting. Attendance is at your own risk. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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Fridays through Thanksgiving - Trimper's Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The market will include all types of produce including mushrooms, fruits and vegetables as well as flowers and herbs. Farms interested in participating can apply online at www.trimperrides.com.

Sat., July 18

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., July 19

COVER THE CRUISER - TORCH RUN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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SUNDAES IN THE PARKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM. Featuring free music by "Jaded Love" (American rock tribute band) and various free activities and entertainment for children. Prepackaged ice cream will be available for purchase. Take a picnic basket and beach chairs. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <https://ococean.com/events>

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Sundays through Aug. 30 - Located on Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 pm. Special senior shopping time from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM. www.berlinmainstreet.com

Mon., July 20

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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Featuring "Dolittle" (101 minutes). Movie audio is via FM radio frequency (monitor your car's battery). Participants are reminded to stay inside their vehicle unless using available amenities. Portable restrooms will be available. All movies subject to weather-related conditions. 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-2800, <https://ococean.com/events/drive-in-movies2020>

Tues., July 21

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BOOK CLUB (AGES 6-12) (YOUTH)

The group will discuss Mercy Watson to the Rescue (book 1) and Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (book 2) by Kate DiCamillo, 2:00 PM. Both are available on Hoopla. Register: <https://worchesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6832828>

FREE FAMILY BEACH GAMES

27th Street Beach, 6:30 PM. Held Tuesdays through Aug. 11. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. <https://ococean.com/events/family-beach-games2020Hel>

FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Featuring "Field of Dreams" (107 minutes). Movie audio is via FM radio frequency (monitor your car's battery). Participants are reminded to stay inside their vehicle unless using available amenities. Portable restrooms will be available. All movies subject to weather-related conditions. 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-2800, <https://ococean.com/events/drive-in-movies2020>

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ART STUDIO: TROPICAL LANDSCAPES (YOUTH)

The group will look at a variety of paintings and painting techniques, 2:30 PM. Optional supplies: acrylic paints, paint brushes, a surface to paint on, pencil and paper. Register: <https://worchesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6823959>.

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Sit in the sand and enjoy a free movie. Featuring "Toy Story 4." Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. All titles are subject to change without notice. All movies are weather permitting. Attendance is at your own risk. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

Snapshots



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SWORN IN
 Mayor Gee Williams swears in new Parks Commission members, from right, Bruce Hyder, Mike Wiley, Sarah Hooper and Patricia Dufendach during the Berlin Mayor and Council meeting on Monday.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ART PROJECT
 Monica Forrester, visual arts teacher at Snow Hill High School, delivered 20 hugging hearts hand-painted on canvas to the caregivers at Atlantic General Hospital on May 29, to honor them for their service. The hugging hearts are part of the "Have a HeART - Give a Hug" project of the Art League of Ocean City. The hearts were painted by students who are members of the National Art Honor Society and art club at Snow Hill High.



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ICE CREAM
 The Gilbert family, visiting from Cambridge, enjoys ice cream from Island Creamery in Berlin on June 27. Pictured, clockwise, are 8-year-old Lily, Jim, 4.5-year-old Sadie and Curtis.

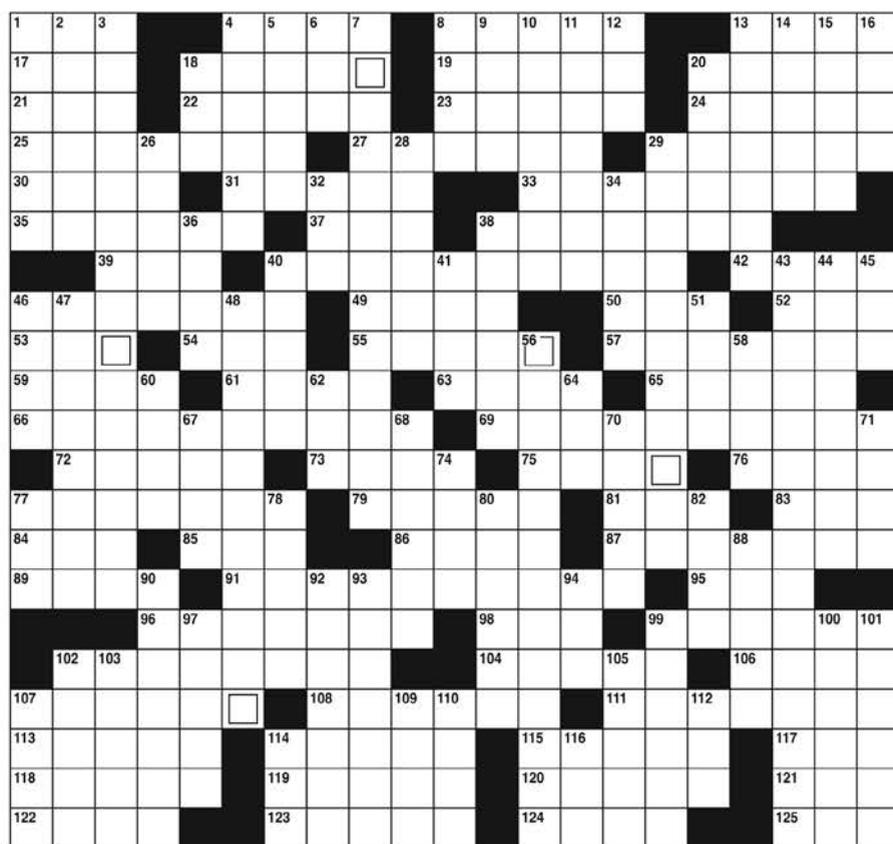
Puzzles

TO-DO LIST

BY LAURA TAYLOR KINNEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Laura Taylor Kinneel, of Newtown, Pa., teaches math and is the director of studies at a Friends boarding school near Philadelphia. Since her last puzzle appeared in March, she has spent lots of time with colleagues developing best methods and new processes for remote learning. Laura remarks that she was sitting and conducting classes from home in the same spot where she normally makes crosswords! — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 1/48 of a cup: Abbr.
 - 4 Ad Council offerings, for short
 - 8 Home of the Kaaba
 - 13 Spartan
 - 17 "The Problem With ____" (2017 documentary)
 - 18 Orator's platform
 - 19 "Never meet your ____" (maxim)
 - 20 Less wild
 - 21 Done working: Abbr.
 - 22 About which you might always say, "Bee prepared"?
 - 23 They take the form of self-flying paper airplanes in the Harry Potter books
 - 24 Topping for a 25-Across
 - 25 Piece of cake, say
 - 27 Improv-class exercises
 - 29 Kids
 - 30 Without aim
 - 31 Mob
 - 33 Fish whose males bear the young
 - 35 Evening gala
 - 37 Note-taking spot?
 - 38 Sustained period of luck, as with dice
 - 39 Litter critter
 - 40 Floor-plan unit
 - 42 Restless desire
- DOWN**
- 46 What Franklin famously asked for
 - 49 Floor-plan spec
 - 50 Blog-feed inits.
 - 52 Debtor's letters
 - 53 Email holder
 - 54 Something lent to a friend
 - 55 Set of skills, metaphorically
 - 57 Father of Scout, in "To Kill a Mockingbird"
 - 59 Declare
 - 61 Best-actor winner Malek
 - 63 Normandy battle site
 - 65 Wads
 - 66 Last dance?
 - 69 Managed an unmanageable group, figuratively
 - 72 Wonder Woman accessory
 - 73 Aware of
 - 75 Playroom chest
 - 76 Downwind
 - 77 They're worn on heads with tails
 - 79 Store
 - 81 Was first
 - 83 Ka ____ (southernmost point on Hawaii)
 - 84 Prefix with -graph
 - 85 Run on
 - 86 Singer Brickell
 - 87 Believed something without question
 - 89 Commercial lead-in to land
 - 91 Elizabeth Warren vis-à-vis former chief justice Earl Warren, e.g.
 - 95 It's frequently under fire
 - 96 Prepare to bathe
 - 98 Olivia Benson's division on TV: Abbr.
 - 99 Conditional word
 - 102 Expressively creative
 - 104 First of the metalloids
 - 106 Border
 - 107 Flight recorder
 - 108 ____ complex
 - 111 A much greater quantity
 - 113 Lead-in to fit or active
 - 114 ____ New Guinea
 - 115 Foreword
 - 117 Org. that kicked off again in 2020 after a 19-year hiatus
 - 118 Studio behind "Platoon" and "Amadeus"
 - 119 Salary negotiator
 - 120 Adversary
 - 121 Embodiment of slipperiness
 - 122 Word before or after short
 - 123 One of the six simple machines
 - 124 State pair: Abbr.
 - 125 Mrs., in Mexico
 - 4 Eeyore-ish sentiment
 - 5 Stocking stuffer
 - 6 Donkey Kong, e.g.
 - 7 Imbrogios
 - 8 Play charades
 - 9 Setting for a Sistine Chapel painting
 - 10 Results from
 - 11 Near
 - 12 "Methought I was enamour'd of an ____": Titania
 - 13 Brand of rum
 - 14 Improper
 - 15 Best-actress winner Zellweger
 - 16 Tiny fractions of joules
 - 18 "____ Would Be King," 2018 novel by Wayétu Moore
 - 20 Attach, in a way
 - 26 Stack topper
 - 28 Iconic Chevy
 - 29 "You nailed it!"
 - 32 ____ page
 - 34 Spanish "now"
 - 36 Olympic pentathlete's need
 - 38 Well-being
 - 40 Purse part
 - 41 Flying Clouds and Royales
 - 43 Be fully qualified ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 44 Author of "The Silent World: A Story of Undersea Discovery and Adventure"
 - 45 Czech reformer Jan
 - 46 Coastal inlets
 - 47 It might get a licking



- 48 Combination meant to change behavior
- 51 Starter earring
- 56 Play piano, informally
- 58 Machu Picchu builder
- 60 Something frequently made with the eyes shut
- 62 X-ray alternative, maybe
- 64 Spanish treasure
- 67 Anthem starter
- 68 Businesses with a portmanteau name
- 70 "It Ain't Me Babe" songwriter
- 71 Percolate
- 74 Zip
- 77 No. in a directory
- 78 Wimbledon wear, perhaps
- 80 Chooses not to act
- 82 Academia figure
- 88 It follows the Hijri calendar
- 90 Protruding bit of bedrock
- 92 Form a new mental picture of
- 93 Got away
- 94 Sharing word
- 97 Canon competitor
- 99 Leaves weaponless
- 100 One participating in a new Summer Olympics sport in 2021
- 101 Fashion designer McCartney
- 102 Heads-up
- 103 Two to one, say
- 105 Time and again
- 107 Warner ____
- 109 Like the Liberty Bell in 1846, for the last time
- 110 Big name in British art
- 112 Hall-of-Fame catcher Campanella
- 114 Print maker
- 116 Tulsa-to-Des Moines dir.

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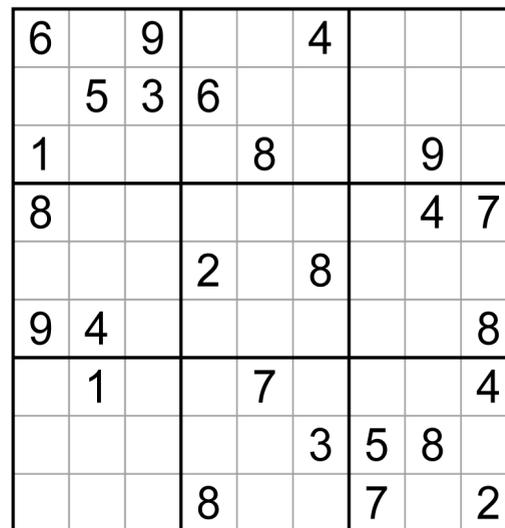
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HARD - 38

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



Answers to last week's puzzles

3	6	2	4	5	8	7	1	9
5	4	8	7	1	9	3	6	2
9	7	1	2	3	6	8	5	4
8	1	5	6	9	7	4	2	3
7	9	3	1	2	4	5	8	6
4	2	6	3	8	5	9	7	1
2	5	4	8	6	3	1	9	7
1	8	7	9	4	2	6	3	5
6	3	9	5	7	1	2	4	8



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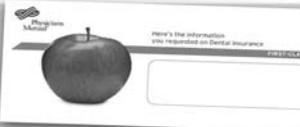
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